

**INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS**  
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**EUROPE** – Highlight: Dry Weather Aids Fieldwork In The North And East, Rain Continues Elsewhere

- Dry weather in **northern and eastern Europe** promotes summer crop harvesting as well as winter grain and rapeseed planting.
- Locally heavy rain across **southern and western Europe** hampers summer crop harvesting but provides a much-needed boost to reservoir levels on the **Iberian Peninsula**.

**FSU** – Highlight: Dry Weather Helps Summer Crop Harvesting In Western Russia And Ukraine

- In **western Russia and Ukraine**, dry weather aids summer crop harvesting and winter wheat planting.
- In **Russian** spring wheat producing areas, drier weather in the **Urals District** improves harvest conditions.
- In **Kazakhstan**, early-week showers in **north-central areas** briefly interrupt spring grain harvesting.

**EASTERN ASIA** – Highlight: Dry Weather Favors Maturing Summer Crops In China

- Dry, warmer-than-normal weather aids dry down and harvest of summer grains, oilseeds, and cotton across the **North China Plain and Manchuria**.
- Typhoon Yagi brings locally heavy rain to **Japan and South Korea**.

**SOUTH ASIA** – Highlight: Untimely Heavy Rain Returns

- Heavy to excessive rain in **Bangladesh and northeastern India** reduces prospects for maturing rice.
- Locally heavy showers in **western India and southern Pakistan** adversely impact open-boll cotton.

**SOUTHEAST ASIA** – Highlight: Heavy Rain In The North, Dry In The South

- Locally heavy monsoon showers benefit reproductive rice in **Thailand**.
- Dry weather in **Indonesia** limits moisture for early planting of main-season rice.

**AUSTRALIA** – Highlight: Unfavorably Dry Weather Stresses Winter Grains

- Dry, locally hot weather across most of the **Australian winter wheat belt** offers no relief to drought-stressed winter wheat and barley, hastening crop development and reducing yield potential.

**SOUTH AMERICA** – Highlight: Rain Needed In Argentina; Wet In Southern Brazil

- Unfavorable warmth and dryness persist in the **Argentine winter wheat belt**.
- In **Brazil**, rain hampers winter wheat harvesting but provides needed moisture for citrus and coffee.

**CANADA** – Highlight: Wet Weather Lingers Across The Prairies

- Across the **Prairies**, untimely rain slows late spring grain and oilseed harvesting.

**MEXICO** – Highlight: Rain Continues Across The Corn Belt But Monsoon Rains Diminish

- Showers maintain moisture for corn and other summer crops on the **southern plateau**.
- Monsoon showers diminish across the **northwest**, aiding recovery from Hurricane Lane.